



ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Annual Newsletter

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**Please visit our website for a link to the Alabama Licensing Law
and the Board's Administrative Code**

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES THE BOARD

Thomas J. Boll, Ph.D., left the Board after serving a five-year term. Dr. Boll was Vice-Chair of the Board during F.Y. 2011 and Chair during F.Y. 2012. His dedication to the responsibilities of the Board and his hard work towards carrying out the Board's mandate on behalf of the consumer and citizens at large will be missed. The Board would like to extend their many thanks for all of his hard work and would like to wish Dr. Boll the best in his future endeavors!

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE BOARD

Carol P. Walker, Ph.D., ABPP, was appointed by Governor Bentley to serve a five-year term.

CHAIR'S ADDRESS
from Joseph Alan Taylor, M.S.

Sports fans use words like "us", "we" and "our" in order to demonstrate their team allegiance, a phenomenon I became familiar with in the 1980's listening to Larry Munson on University of Georgia broadcasts. I am proud and honored to serve at the leisure of the Governor on our Board, and I hope this message finds all of you well. I consider "us" a "team" that will oversee these exciting times as "we" maintain a proactive stance in adapting to the ever-changing practice of psychology. Be on the lookout for our brand new website launching in the near future.

There is some overlap between years as far as ongoing debates of interest concerning revisions to the law, and the Board has worked diligently in reconciling the practice act with a climate of change. The topic of U.S. Citizenship and licensure candidacy is a prime example of legal issues comingling with the practice of psychology. Board attorney Matt Beam provides a wealth of expertise on the law and a calm professionalism in guiding the Board through legal matters. The prospect of performing background checks for applicants continues to be an important topic of discussion this year along with the issue of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Presence Verification, which speaks to a tremendous volume of work associated with new applicants for Alabama licensure. Managing this task alone can be overwhelming, yet the office staff of

Executive Officer Lori Rall and Administrative Assistant Joya Burge never let it show, always providing cheerful smiles and patient answers to a demanding audience.

The Board has worked hard to fine-tune its Administrative Code in areas of Board membership, continuing education, inactive status, and disciplinary procedures. Unfortunately, disciplinary procedures and the investigation of complaints remain an ongoing area of focus, and the Board's primary objective will always be the protection of the Public. The consumer of psychology may be especially vulnerable to unscrupulous practices, and I urge practitioners to continue self-policing as vigilance is crucial in maintaining the integrity of psychology. However, disciplinary investigations occasionally bring educational opportunities for involved parties, and it is my opinion that we should embrace an atmosphere of enlightenment. While the law is clearly written, there are circumstances where a punitive stance may be unnecessary.

I would like to personally recognize Board members Joe Ackerson, Ph.D., Vice-Chair, Psychologist member; Pam Snider, Ph.D., Psychologist member; Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D., Psychologist member; La'Shonda Moore, DPM, Public member; Marty Rohling, Ph.D., Psychologist member; and Carol Walker, Ph.D., ABPP, Psychologist member, and thank them for unselfishly giving their time so freely. Board meetings are spirited with mentoring and teamwork. Here's to an exciting remainder of 2014.

*Sincerely,
Joseph Alan Taylor, M.S.
Chair*

NEW LICENSES ISSUED
July 2013 to present**Psychologists**

Aisha D. Baker, Ph.D., #1827, Johns Creek, GA
Leonardo Bobadilla, Ph.D., #1828, Salem, OR
Dana E. Crawford, Ph.D., #1829, San Antonio, TX
Whitney N. Hasbrouck, Ph.D., #1830, Bordentown, NJ
Rachel B. Sherrill, Ph.D., #1831, Bordentown, NJ
Mark D. Stonger, Ph.D., #1832, Wichita Falls, TX
Reed T. Reichwald, Ph.D., #1833, Ft. Walton Bch., FL

NEW LICENSES ISSUED, CONTINUED...

Sacha A. Toth, Ph.D., #1834, Vestavia, AL
 John H. Friend, III, Ph.D., #1835, Mobile, AL
 Eliza M. Wells Belle, Ph.D., #1837, Birmingham, AL
 Mariel L. Clark, Ph.D., #1838, Ozark, AL
 Dustin M. Johnson, Ph.D., #1839, Auburn, AL
 Eun Y. Kim, Ph.D., #1840, Pusan, South Korea
 Gerald J. Novack, Ph.D., #1841, Shalimar, FL
 Gregory S. Vander Wal, Ph.D., #1842, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Gu-Hwa H. Yi, Ph.D. #1843, Gyunggi-do, South Korea
 Lisa M. Cotton, Ph.D., #1844, Ridgeland, MS
 Brandon A. Markel, Psy.D., #1845, Ridgeland, MS
 Lauren K. Mason, Ph.D., #1846, Daphne, AL
 Christina M. Rodriguez, Ph.D., #1847, Birmingham, AL
 Desiree K. Rozier, Psy.D., #1848, Oxford, AL
 Jessica M. Allinger, Psy.D., #1849, Albuquerque, NM
 Shannon C. Branlund, Ph.D., #1850, Ft. Walton Bch., FL
 Emily L. Burt, Psy.D., #1851, Bonaire, GA
 Benjamin H. Carter, Ph.D., #1852, Great Falls, MT
 Ashley B. Hampton, Ph.D., #1853, Raleigh, NC
 Amber R. Krempa, Psy.D., #1854, Mobile, AL
 John L. Melton, Ph.D., #1855, Old Lyme, CT
 Emma L. Peden, Psy.D., #1856, Headland, AL
 Mikal A. Rasheed, Ph.D., #1857, MacDill AFB, FL
 Jessica W. Shenesey, Ph.D., #1858, Mobile, AL
 Stephen D. Thayer, Ph.D., #1859, Bossier City, LA
 Ashley M. Hoffman, Psy.D., #1860, Madison, AL
 Alla Palma, Psy.D., #1861, Birmingham, AL
 Ashley K. Burgett, Ph.D., #1862, Lexington, KY
 Elizabeth B. Bowling Lee, Ph.D., #1863, Anniston, AL
 Neeta A. Ramkumar, Ph.D., #1864, Austin, TX
 Marion T. Wallace, Ph.D., #1865, Hoover, AL
 Rich A. Blake, Psy.D., #1866, APO, AE
 Samuel E. Fleming, III, Ph.D., #1867, Guntown, MS
 Anya T. Griffin, Ph.D., #1868, Decatur, GA
 Robert S. Klein, Ph.D., #1869, Columbus, GA
 Virginia K. Murphy Penry, Psy.D., #1871, Daphne, AL
 Corey M. Bayliss, Ph.D., #1872, Ocean Springs, MS
 Joseph M. Currier, Ph.D., #1873, Mobile, AL
 Nahree Doh, Ph.D., #1874, Tuscaosa, AL
 Amanda G. Glover, Psy.D., #1875, Hoover, AL
 John H. Wisely Houser, Ph.D., #1876, Birmingham, AL
 Jeremy T. Johnson, Ph.D., #1877, Centerville, OH
 Parrish L. Paul, Ph.D., #1878, Huntsville, AL
 Kimberly R. Tartt-Godbolt, Psy.D., #1879, Mobile, AL
 Lauren L. Golden, Ph.D., #1880, Pittsburgh, PA
 Scott R. Anderson, Ph.D., #1882, APO, AE
 Hayley L. Blackwood, Ph.D., #1883, Denton, TX
 Katherine W. Byington, Ph.D., #1884, Hoover, AL
 Nakiesha Cowan-Richardson, Psy.D., #1885, Huntsville, AL
 Aaron L. Davis, Ph.D., #1886, Calera, AL
 Rudolph T. Francin, Ph.D., #1887, Biloxi, MS
 Kristin J. Hill, Psy.D., #1888, Walla Walla, WA

Lauren H. Maloney, Ph.D., #1889, Northport, AL
 David K. Payne, Ph.D., #1890, Dothan, AL
 Audrey L. Austin, Ph.D., #1891, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Kyle J. Bewsey, Ph.D., #1892, Ocean Springs, MS
 Francis R. Davis, Psy.D., #1893, Colorado Springs, CO
 Haley R. Dillon, Ph.D., #1894, Columbus, GA
 Jenelle C. Fitch, Ph.D., #1895, St. Clairsville, OH
 Elizabeth F.A. Nosen, Ph.D., #1896, Jackson, MS
 Taeh A. Ward, Ph.D., #1897, Homewood, AL
 Rashada W. Young, Ph.D., #1898, Birmingham, AL
 Lara E. Embry, Ph.D., #1899, Los Angeles, CA

Psychological Technician

Katherine W. Byington, M.A., #1836, Hoover, AL
 Megan E. Crisler, M.A., #1870, Miami, FL
 Christina D. Catrett, M.A., #1881, Montgomery, AL

NON RENEWALS*Fiscal Year 2014***Psychologists**

Carol H. Adams, Ph.D., #361, Hendersonville, NC
 Kenneth Anchor, Ph.D., #541, Nashville, TN
 Erica S. Barnes, Psy.D., #1769, Albany, GA
 Rebecca S. Bright, Psy.D., #1757, N. Ft. Myers, FL
 Susan J. Campling, Psy.D., #1806, Springfield, PA
 Kristy B. Center, Ph.D., #1682, Charleston, SC
 Hye In Chang, Ph.D., #1718, South Korea
 Michael J. Crowe, Ph.D., #230, Birmingham, AL
 Kevin D. Donovan, Ph.D., #789, Leavenworth, KS
 Carla S. Galusha, Ph.D., #1641, Petersburg, VA
 Royce B. Garvin, Ph.D., #468, Redwood City, CA
 Jerrold I. Gilbert, Ph.D., #574, Rio Rancho, NM
 Peggy Glascoff, Psy.D., #1544, Denver, CO
 Kate E. Glywasky, Psy.D., #1398, San Antonio, TX
 Jonathan B. Hoopes, Ph.D., #1597, Huntington, WV
 Melissa F. Jackson, Ph.D., #1322, N. Little Rock, AR
 Nicholas J. Katko, Ph.D., #1770, San Antonio, TX
 Heejin Kim, Psy.D., #1784, Irving, TX
 Wendi L. Lopez, Psy.D., #1775, Cincinnati, OH
 Kerry R. Luke, Psy.D., #1379, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Vicki A. Lumley, Ph.D., #1252, Fox Island, WA
 Dana O. Mato, Psy.D., #1694, Miami Beach, FL
 Jennifer L. McDonald, Ph.D., #1734, DuPont, WA
 Katherine M. McGuire, Psy.D., #1713, Montgomery, AL
 Sarah A. Moyer, Psy.D., #1633, Melbourne, FL
 Donald J. Raggio, Ph.D., #1012, Jackson, MS
 Rachel E. Butler Russell, Psy.D., #1647, Indialantic, FL
 Eun J. Shim, Ph.D., #1666, South Korea
 Diane C. Sperry, Ph.D., #652, Johns Creek, GA
 Jay B. St. Amant, Ph.D., #1743, Springfield, MO

NON-RENEWALS CONTINUED...

Michael M. Steele, Ph.D., #1630, Draper, UT
 Katharine E. Stewart, Ph.D., #913, Little Rock, AR
 Kristi S. Van Sickle, Psy.D., #1449, Satellite Bch., FL
 Michael Walsh, Ph.D., #323, Auburn, AL

Psychological Technician

Don Q. Angers, M.S., #1095, Hoover, AL

DECEASED

Ronald B. McCarver, Ph.D., #309, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Lorna Stewart Usrey, M.S., #1133, Alexandria, AL

CURRENT NUMBER OF LICENSEES

Psychologists: **1072**
 Psychological Technicians: **32**

COMPLAINTS

The Board received twelve (12) complaints against licensed psychologists during F.Y. 2013; ten (10) resulted in no probable cause for disciplinary action, one (1) resulted in probable cause for disciplinary action, and one (1) is on-going. The Board has received thirteen (13) complaints thus far in F.Y. 2014, of which four (4) have resulted in no probable cause for disciplinary action, two (2) resulted in probable cause for disciplinary action, and seven (7) are on-going.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Name: C. Fletcher Hamilton, Ph.D., #278
Disciplinary Action(s): Suspension; reverting to probation for a period of one year upon payment of incurred expenses associated with this action and commencement of treatment with a therapist approved by the Board. Stayed October 19, 2011. In The Circuit Court, the decision of the Board was reversed and set aside. The Board appealed the decision of The Circuit Court to The Circuit Court of Appeals which, on September 27, 2013, rendered judgment in favor of the Board, reversing and setting aside decision of The Circuit Court and upholding the Board's Order to sanction Dr. Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton petitioned the Supreme Court of Alabama for a writ of certiorari, which was granted on November 19, 2013.
Judgement by the Supreme Court of Alabama:

Writ Quashed. No Opinion. - The Court's judgement in this cause was certified on March 7, 2014. **Date of Discipline:** September 22, 2011; operable March 10, 2014

Reason(s) for Discipline: Violation of the Professional Ethical Standards of Care, specifically Ethical Principle 6.a (June, 1981 publication) addressing sexual intimacies with a client.

Name: Vernon Pegram, Ph.D., #411

Disciplinary Action(s): Suspension

Date of Discipline: January 10, 2014

Reason(s) for Discipline: Failure to comply with the continuing education requirements and failure to pay the renewal/continuing education fees.

Name: Sharon E. Stewart, Psy.D., #1598

Disciplinary Action(s): Consent Agreement - The terms of the agreement and order shall run concurrently with those imposed by the U.S. Army Medical Command - 1 year of supervised practice (previously completed), completion of a continuing education program associated with Ethics and Dual Relationships (previously completed) and reimbursement of Board costs.

Date of Discipline: November 8, 2013

Terms of Settlement Agreement complete November 15, 2013.

Reason(s) for Discipline: Engaged in a non-sexual multiple relationship with a patient, continued to be in contact after therapy had been transferred to a new provider in violation of Alabama Code 34-26-46(a)(3) and (4) and (17), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(c),(d) and (q), and in violation of the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, specifically Ethical Principle 3.05 Multiple Relationships and 10.04 Providing Therapy to Those Served by Others.

Name: Lorna Stewart Usrey, M.S., #1133

Disciplinary Action(s): Suspension (**Deceased - March, 2014**)

Date of Discipline: January 10, 2014

Reason(s) for Discipline: Failure to comply with the continuing education requirements and failure to pay the renewal/continuing education fees.

RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGES
To the Board's Administrative Code

Filed Certification: November 27, 2013

Effective Date: February 1, 2014

750-X-1-.01 Membership: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding the diversity requirements of Board member positions.

750-X-1-.02 Election Of Officers, Terms Of Office, And Duties: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding the nomination process for filling Board positions.

750-X-1-.03 Filling An Unexpired Term: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding the nomination process for filling Board positions with unexpired terms.

750-X-1-.08 Alabama Sunset Law: The adoption of this new rule was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 and the Alabama Sunset Law, Title 41, Chapter 20, regarding the Board's termination and continuation dates pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law.

750-X-2-.01 Candidates For Licensure: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386. The requirement of U.S. citizenship and/or legal presence in the U.S. was already stated in the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer & Citizen Protection Act (Act 2011-535).

750-X-2-.03 Application Form: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding criminal history background checks.

750-X-2-.07 Internship Training: This amendment was needed to correct a typographical error.

750-X-2-.08 Licensure Of Applicants Licensed To Practice Psychology In Another Jurisdiction: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding U.S. citizenship and licensure requirements (CPQ and ABPP status), 30-day practice and disaster/emergency practice.

750-X-2A-.03 Application Form: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding criminal history background checks.

750-X-3A-.01 Rationale: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 stating that continuing education shall be relevant to or applicable within the practice of psychology.

750-X-3A-.08 Failure To Comply With Continuing Education Requirements: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding lapsed licensure for failure to engage in continuing education or failure to pay the annual continuing education fee.

750-X-4-.01 License Renewal: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding lapsed licensure for failure to pay the annual license renewal and continuing education fees.

750-X-4-.02 Inactive Status: The adoption of this new rule was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding the designation of inactive status of a psychologist license.

750-X-4-.03 Representation To The Public: This amendment was needed for re-numbering purposes due to the adoption of the subsequent new rule in compliance with Act 2013-386.

750-X-5-.03 Disciplinary Actions Against Licensed Psychologists and Licensed Psychological Technicians: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 regarding penalties for violations, judicial review of Board orders, disciplinary oversight of licensees and reporting of disciplinary actions.

750-X-5-.04 Inquiries About Unlicensed Individuals: This amendment was needed to comply with Act 2013-386 allowing the Board to bring action in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County for violations of the law, Board rules or Board orders.

Filed Certification: March 21, 2014

Effective Date: April 25, 2014

750-X-2A-.03 Application Form: This amendment was needed to delete the requirement for a cashier's check or money order payable to the Professional Examination Service to accompany the computer-based-testing application. The computer-based-testing application is no longer being used.

750-X-2A-.07 Supervision Requirements: This amendment was needed to correct a grammar error.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The office staff requests that you please report your continuing education hours as you complete them during the year. The individual reporting form and continuing education rules and regulations are found on Board’s web site at psychology.alabama.gov.

The C.E. requirement for psychologists is 20 hours per year while the requirement for psychological technicians is 10 hours per year.

ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL

Please be advised: Beginning with license renewal for Fiscal Year 2015, failure to comply with all requirements for renewal by October 15 shall result in a lapsed license. Failure to renew a license prior to October 15 will not deprive the licensee of the right to renew, but does prohibit that individual from continuing to practice unless he or she is working in an exempt setting.

A person who fails to renew a lapsed license within a period of two years after the date of its expiration is not eligible for reinstatement and the license may not be restored or reissued. The individual will be required to submit a new application for licensure and meet the statutory requirements for licensure in existence at the time of re-application. Please contact the Board office for information on the reinstatement of a lapsed license.

PLEASE NOTE: The address that licensees provide to the Board on the annual Renewal Notice is the address of record for the Board. This is the address that is given to the public upon request and where all official correspondence from the Board is sent. If you wish to change your address of record, please notify the Board’s office via mail or e-mail at: albdpsychology@psychology.alabama.gov.

FEE SCHEDULE

Application Fee:		
Psychologists		\$200.00
Psychological Technicians		\$130.00
Examination Fee:		
(State) PSE		\$ 50.00
License Renewal:		
Psychologists		\$100.00
Psychological Technicians		\$ 65.00
Continuing Education Fee		\$ 50.00
Roster of Licensed Psychologists		\$ 12.00
Roster of Licensed Psychological Technicians		\$ 10.00
Replacement Certificate		\$ 15.00
Replacement Renewal Card		\$ 5.00
Copy of Administrative Code		\$10.00

BOARD MEETING DATES

- July 11, 2014
- September 12, 2014
- November 14, 2014
- January 9, 2015
- March 13, 2015
- May 10, 2015